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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the references of Ensch and Mutzs. Examiner suggests that claims 1 and 13 will be overcome the references of Ensch and Mutz if Applicants amend to include the following languages -- a rachet plate "mounted to an edge of the countertop" -- (rather than mountable or adpated to be mounted); -- the rachet plate including a front face "sinkwardly directed" having a plurality of detents--; and -- a pawl mounted to the sink-- (rather than mountable or adpated to be mounted). Minor errors should also be corrected for the following claims: Claim 11, line 1, should be read as "wherein the pawls include a mount assembly adapted to fixedly secure"; Claim 12 should be dependent upon claim 11 rather than 12; Claim 13, line 6, should be read as "a plurality of resillient tabs", and line 7 should be read as "to engage successive detents", and line 9 should be read as " resilient tabs have different respective lengths"-. Applicants express an intent to file an amendment to further include the language as suggested and correct the above as mentioned.